

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of all claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (Currently amended): An eyeglass assembly comprising:
  - 2 an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and
  - 3 a rib coupled to the eyeglass frame and including a brow portion, the brow
  - 4 portion having side portions extending above the lens receptacles and the rib
  - 5 having extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along
  - 6 both sides of a wearer's nose, each side portion and each extension terminating at
  - 7 an endpoint, and the rib having a pliable coating on at least some of its surface.
- 1 2. (Previously presented): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, wherein the
- 2 rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by at least one fastener and at least one
- 3 attachment means being integral to the rib and the eyeglass frame, the fastener
- 4 being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an
- 5 aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of the
- 6 rib and the eyeglass frame.
- 1 3. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the at least one
- 2 fastener comprises a screw.
- 1 4. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the fastener affixes
- 2 the rib to a nose bridge portion of the frame.
- 1 5. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a plurality of
- 3 tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending from the
- 4 eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib.
- 1 6. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 5, wherein the eyeglasses
- 2 further comprises a plurality of air vents including at least one air vent positioned
- 3 between a pair of the tabs.

1 7. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 6, wherein the at least one air  
2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of  
3 the eyeglass frame.

1 8. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame  
3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:

4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab  
5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib; and  
6 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from  
7 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame.

1 9. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least some of the  
2 tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the brow portion of the rib.

1 10. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of tabs  
2 extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the left  
3 and right ends of the brow portion of the rib.

1 11. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least some of the  
2 tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the extensions.

1 12. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of tabs  
2 extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the ends of  
3 the extensions.

1 13. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, the pliable coating being  
2 molded to the rib.

1 14. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 13, the pliable coating covering  
2 substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1 15. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, the pliable coating being  
2 disposed between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer  
3 contact to the frame.

1 16. (Currently amended): An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2 an eyeglass frame having a left frame portion including a left lens  
3 receptacle and a right frame portion including a right lens receptacle, and a nose  
4 bridge portion connecting the left frame portion and the right frame portion; and  
5 a rib coupled to an inner side of the eyeglass frame and including a brow  
6 portion, the brow portion having a left side portion, a right side portion and a  
7 middle portion, the left side portion positioned above the left lens receptacle and  
8 the right side portion positioned above the right lens receptacle, the rib including a  
9 left nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the middle portion and  
10 along the left frame portion and a right nosepiece extension extending  
11 downwardly from the middle portion and along the right frame portion, each of  
12 the left and right side portions and each of the left and right nosepiece extensions  
13 terminating at an endpoint, the rib having a pliable coating on at least some of its  
14 surface.

1 17. (Previously presented) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the  
2 rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by at least one fastener and at least one  
3 attachment means being integral to the rib and the eyeglass frame, the fastener  
4 being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an  
5 aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of the  
6 rib and the eyeglass frame.

1 18. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the at least one  
2 fastener comprises a screw.

1 19. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the fastener affixes  
2 the middle portion of the rib to the nose bridge portion of the frame.

1 20. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a plurality of  
3 tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending from the  
4 eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib

1 21. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 20, wherein the eyeglasses  
2 further comprises a plurality of air vents including at least one air vent positioned  
3 between a pair of the tabs.

1 22. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 21, wherein the at least one air  
2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of  
3 the eyeglass frame.

1 23. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame  
3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:

4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab  
5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib; and  
6 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from  
7 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame.

1 24. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least some of the  
2 tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the brow portion of the rib.

1 25. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of tabs  
2 extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the left  
3 and right ends of the brow portion of the rib.

1 26. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least some of the  
2 tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the left and right nosepiece extensions.

1 27. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of tabs  
2 extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the ends of  
3 the left and right nosepiece extensions.

1 28. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2 the frame by at least one fastener.

1 29. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 28, wherein the at least one  
2 fastener comprises a screw affixed to the frame through an aperture in the rib.

1 30. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame  
3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:

4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab  
5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib, the  
6 plurality of tabs including at least one tab positioned in the left nose piece  
7 extension and the right nosepiece extension and a plurality of tabs positioned  
8 spaced apart in the brow portion; and

9 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from  
10 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame, the plurality of tabs  
11 including tabs positioned at each of the left and right ends of the brow portion of  
12 the rib, the end of the left nose piece extension and the end of the right nosepiece  
13 extension.

1 31. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 30, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2 the frame by at least one fastener.

1 32. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 31, wherein the at least one  
2 fastener comprises a screw affixed to the nose bridge portion of the frame through  
3 an aperture in the rib.

1 33. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 30, further comprising a  
2 plurality of air vents, each air vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1 34. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 33, wherein the at least one air  
2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of  
3 the eyeglass frame.

1 35. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, the pliable coating being  
2 molded to the rib.

1 36. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 35, the pliable coating covering  
2 substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1 37. (Original): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, the pliable coating being  
2 disposed between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer  
3 contact to the frame.

1 38. (Currently amended): A method of manufacturing eyeglasses comprising:  
2 forming a molded rib that includes left, middle, and right brow portions  
3 and left and right nosepiece extensions, the middle brow portion coupling the left  
4 and right brow portions and the left and right nosepiece extensions together, each  
5 of the left and right brow portions and each of the left and right nosepiece  
6 extensions terminating at an endpoint;

7 molding a pliable coating on at least some of the surface of the molded rib;  
8 and

9 affixing the molded rib to an eyeglass frame by at least one fastener, the  
10 fastener being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through  
11 an aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of  
12 the rib and the eyeglass frame and at least one attachment means being integral to  
13 the rib and the eyeglass frame.

1 39. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 38, wherein the frame  
2 includes lens receptacles ~~and wherein the rib includes a brow portion, the left and~~  
3 ~~right brow portion having side portions extending above the lens receptacles, the~~  
4 ~~left and right nosepiece extensions and the rib having extensions coupled to the~~  
5 ~~brow portion and extending downwardly along both sides of a wearer's nose.~~

1 40. (Canceled)

1 41. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 38, wherein the at least one  
2 fastener comprises a screw.

1 42. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 38, wherein the fastener  
2 affixes the rib to a nose bridge portion of the frame.

1 43. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 38, wherein the rib is  
2 affixed to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a

3           plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending  
4           from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib.

1   44. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 43, wherein forming the rib  
2           comprises forming a plurality of slots for air vents including at least one air vent  
3           positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1   45. (Canceled)

1   46. (Original): The method according to claim 38, the pliable coating being molded to the  
2           rib.

1   47. (Original): The method according to claim 46, wherein the rib is formed in a first  
2           mold and then placed in a second mold for molding the pliable coating to the rib.

1   48. (Original): The method according to claim 46, the pliable coating covering  
2           substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1   49. (Original): The method according to claim 46, the pliable coating being disposed  
2           between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer contact to  
3           the frame.

1   50. (Original): The method according to claim 38, further comprising attaching earpieces  
2           to the eyeglass frame.

1   51-53. (Canceled)

1   54. (Currently amended): An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2           an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and  
3           a rib including a brow portion and extensions, the brow portion having  
4           side portions extending above the lens receptacles, the extensions extending  
5           downwardly along both sides of a wearer's nose, each of the side portions and  
6           each of the extensions terminating at an endpoint, the rib having a pliable coating  
7           on at least some of its surface, the rib having a plurality of tabs affixing the rib to  
8           the eyeglass frame, the plurality of tabs including at least one tab positioned near

9           each of left and right ends of the brow portion of the rib, and the plurality of tabs  
10          including at least one tab positioned near each of the ends of the extensions.

1   55. (Previously presented):   The eyeglass assembly according to claim 54, wherein a  
2          least one fastener, separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing  
3          through an aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to  
4          another one of the rib and the eyeglass frame, affixes the rib to a nose bridge  
5          portion of the eyeglass frame.

1   56. (Previously presented):   The eyeglass assembly according to claim 55, wherein the  
2          at least one fastener comprises a screw.

1   57. (Currently amended):   An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2                                    an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and  
3                                    a rib coupled to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of tabs, the rib including  
4                                   left, middle, and right brow portions and left and right nosepiece extensions, the  
5                                   middle brow portion coupling the left and right brow portions and the left and  
6                                   right nosepiece extensions together, each of the left and right brow portions and  
7                                   each of the left and right nosepiece extensions terminating at an endpoint, the rib  
8                                   including, and at least one air vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1   58. (Currently amended):   The eyeglass assembly according to claim 57, wherein the  
2                                   rib includes a brow portion, the brow portion having a left side portion, and a  
3                                   right side portion, the left browside portion is positioned above at the left lens  
4                                   receptacle of the eyeglass frame and the right browside portion is positioned  
5                                   above at the right lens receptacle of the eyeglass frame, the rib also including a left  
6                                   nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the middle portion and along the  
7                                   left frame portion and a right nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the  
8                                   middle portion and along the right frame portion, the rib having a pliable coating  
9                                   on at least some of its surface.

1       59. (Previously presented): The eyeglass assembly according to claim 5, wherein one  
2           or more of the tab receptacles accommodates the corresponding tab causing a  
3           distortion when fitted together.